

House Resolution No. 4018

Whereas, Ken Johnston of Independence, Missouri, has been chosen Independence Citizen of the Year, a most impressive accolade to be bestowed upon him by the Truman Heartland Community Foundation during its eighth annual gala dinner on September 13, 2003, in the Century Ballroom at Westin Crown Center Hotel in Kansas City; and

Whereas, Ken Johnston has taught high school in eastern Jackson County for thirty-two years and has been recognized for his outstanding leadership and initiatives, such as forming the ACE Club at William Chrisman High School; and

Whereas, the ACE Club is an organization that coordinates student volunteerism throughout the community, currently has over five hundred student volunteers, and has impressively totaled some 54,700 volunteer hours on behalf of non-profit organizations; and

Whereas, a recipient of numerous awards for his commitment to education and civic betterment, Ken Johnston and his students participated in Independence's successful bid to be named an All American City; and

Whereas, Ken Johnston has been a member of the staff at William Chrisman for twenty-one years, during which time he has enjoyed recognition for being a science teacher, serving as Peer Relations Director, and teaching Racism and Discrimination to his students as well as to prospective teachers through Graceland University; and

Whereas, Ken Johnston has been blessed with the love and support of a wonderful family whose members include his wife, Mary Joan Johnston; two children; and three grandchildren, all of whom have brought great pride and happiness into his life:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously in extending our hearty congratulations and best wishes to Ken Johnston upon his well-deserved selection as Independence Citizen of the Year; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Ken Johnston, as a measure of our esteem for him.

Offered by _____
Representative Paul LeVota
District No. 52

Representative Curt Dougherty
District No. 53

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4018, adopted September 10, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker